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SUBJECT: AGNELLI FOUNDATION APPOINTMENTS WITH HARTMAN, VINE AND
DAVID FREEMAN, NOV 15-19, 1974

1. AGNELLI FOUNDATION'S NEW DIRECTOR, GASTONE FAVERO, TRAVELLING TO U.S. FOR INITIAL LOOK AT U.S. AND TO MEET U.S. FOUNDATION AND USG OFFICIALS. WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NOV 15-19. FAVERO WILL BE ESCORTED BY GIOVANNI GRANAGLI, DIRECTOR FOR FOUNDATION'S FOREIGN PROGRAMS, WELL CONNECTED WITH U.S. FOUNDATIONS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. WHO ALSO PLANS CALL ON LONG STANDING ACQUAINTANCE DI SCIULLO, INR. STAYING AT HAY-ADAMS.

2. FAVERO, DC RADIO/TV JOURNALIST WITH NO FOUNDATION EXPERIENCE, IS RE-ORGANIZING FOUNDATION AND STAFF IS IN THROES OF RECASTING PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES. ACCORDING TO GRANAGLIA, NEW DIRECTION WILL BE LESS INDUSTRY ORIENTED AND MORE RELATED TO INTERESTS OF GENERAL PUBLIC. SPECIFICALLY, EXPECTS MANDATE FOR WORK ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

3. IN CONNECTION OUR EFFORTS INDUCE AGNELLI FOUNDATION COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY ON USIS PROGRAMS AND SPECIFICALLY BRING DAVID FREEMAN TO MILAN FOR ENERGY POLICY DISCUSSION, GRANAGLIA ASKED FOR DEPT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR FAVERO AND SELF WITH ASST SECY HARTMAN, EUR/WE DIRECTOR VINE AND FREEMAN DURING WASHINGTON VISIT.

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4. IN VIEW BOTH IMPORTANCE OF AGNELLI FOUNDATION TO U.S. INTERESTS IN ITALY AND VERY STAND-OFFISH, IF NOT HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD US. REPORTED BY OTHER CONTACTS WITHIN FOUNDATION AS WELL AS OUR EXPERIENCE WITH UNDOUBTEDLY HOSTILE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENRICO NORI, I BELIEVE THAT DEPT SHOULD MAKE CALCULATED EFFORT TO GAIN FAVERO'S COOPERATION. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH (GRANAGLIA DOES) AND HAS HAD NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN U.S. APPARENTLY COOL TO FOUNDATION TIES OR COOPERATION WITH U.S. FAVERO SAID TO DOUBT VALUE OF U.S. POINT OF VIEW OR EXPERIENCE IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT. THIS ATTITUDE NOT SHARED BY FORMER AMB. GUIDO COLONNA (WHO IS STRONGLY PRO-U.S. AND WITH WHOM I HAVE CLOSE CONTACT IN MILAN) WHO NOW RANKS IMMEDIATELY BELOW AGNELLI IN FOUNDATION HIERARCHY NOR BY GIANNI AGNELLI HIMSELF AND HIS CLOSE COLLABORATOR VITTORINO CHIUSANO, MEMBER OF FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR FAVERO AND GRANAGLIA WITH HARTMAN, VINE AND FREEMAN (HOME TELEPHONE 320-3583) ON LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 15 OR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 OR TUESDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 19. SHOULD DEPT BELIEVE IT ALSO DESIREABLE, MEETINGS WITH LORD S/P, ASST SECY RICHARDSON (CU) AND DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COULD ALSO BE VERY HELPFUL. FINA

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